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SUBJECT: (C) AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. EMBASSY IS GRATEFUL FOR FORTHCOMING RESPONSE OF DEPARTMENT AND BELIEVES THAT GOP WILL BE WELL PLEASED WITH GENEROSITY OF USG REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITMENTS AS OUTLINED IN REF A. THERE FOLLOWS EMBASSY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED USG CONTRIBUTION TO DEFRAY FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF INLAND TRANSPORTATION AND VOLAG RELIEF OPERATIONS IN PAKISTAN.

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3. INLAND TRANSPORTATION: ACCORDING TO DATA RELEASED

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BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES, BRIGADIER SAID AZHAR, GOP WILL SPEND DOLS 40 MILLION TO DELIVER 700,000 MTS (400,000 MTS OF FOOD; 300,000 MTS OF OTHER GOODS) OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAK FY 81-82 (JULY 1, 1981 - JUNE 30, 1982). COMMISSIONER ESTIMATES RAIL CHARGES FROM POE KARACHI TO DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN QUETTA AND PESHAWAR AT DOLS 20 MILLION, TRUCKING EXPENSES FROM QUETTA AND PESHAWAR TO WIDELY SCATTERED REFUGEE VILLAGES AT DOLS 18 MILLION, AND PORT AND OTHER HANDLING FEE AT DOLS 5 MILLION. EACH MT OF RELIEF COMMODITIES DELIVERED FROM KARACHI TO REFUGEE VILLAGES WILL COST GOP APPROXIMATELY DOLS 5.70. STUDY CARRIED OUT BY FAO FOR UNF IN JANUARY OF 1981, ESTIMATED COST OF DELIVERED MT REFUGEE SUPPLIES AT DOLS 6.34. (COPIES OF THESE ESTIMATES BEING POUCHED TO RP-MORGANSON, S/R DEWEY, AND NEA/PAB.)

4. BRIGADIER AZHAR STATES THAT COST OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION COULD EASILY BE CUT FROM CURRENT DOLS 18 MILLION TO AT MOST DOLS 3 MILLION IF HIS OFFICE RAN TRUCK FLEET OF 250 VEHICLES INSTEAD OF RELYING UPON PRIVATE TRUCKING CONTRACTORS. IN THIS REGARD, JAPAN HAS CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1.1 MILLION -- 80 ISUZU TEN-TEN TRUCKS. ASKED ABOUT HOW U.S. COULD ASSIST, CHIEF COMMISSIONER SAID GOP WOULD PREFER CASH DONATION BUT NOTED THAT CONTRIBUTION OF U.S.-BUILT TRUCKS WITH CAPACITIES SIMILAR TO ISUZU TRUCKS AND "SMALL NUMBER" OF OIL-TANKER TRUCKS TO HANDLE KEROSENE SUPPLIES WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOME. ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER, U.S.-BUILT TRUCKS COULD BE EASILY OPERATED AS LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN TRUCKS WERE STILL IN USE IN PAKISTAN IN BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY CAPACITIES, IN PARTICULAR, TRUCKS OF "INTERNATIONAL
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HARVESTER."

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES CONTRIBUTION IN KIND, DONATION OF 200 TRUCKS AND FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF POL INCLUDING KEROSENE, WOULD REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE ACCUSATIONS OF IMPROPER DIVERSION OF FUNDS AND NEED FOR DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN VERIFICATION OF GOP TRANSPORTATION COST CLAIMS. TRUCKS COULD BE MARKED WITH TRADITIONAL U.S. AID LOGO, AN ACTION WHICH WOULD HELP OVERCOME IMPRESSION OF MANY REFUGEES

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THAT U.S. IS INDIFFERENT TO THEIR WELFARE. TRUCK DONATION WOULD ALSO SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE OF REINTRODUCING U.S. VEHICLES INTO RAPIDLY GROWING PAKISTANI MARKET.

6. UNHCR/VOLAG FUNDING: ZCON COUNSELOR INFORMALLY RAISED PROSPECT OF USG REQUEST FOR DOLS 4.8 MILLION RUPEE ALLOCATION TO UNHCR AND VOLAGS ENGAGED IN AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF.

FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AND PENDING 1981 USG CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. INDICATED THAT GOP CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED RUPEE ALLOCATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UPON RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL LETTER REQUEST FROM EMBASSY. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY DEPARTMENT WE INTEND TO PURSUE THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY HOPES TO RECEIVE EARLY GOP ACTION ON OUR REQUEST FOR DOLS 4.8 MILLION RUPEE ALLOCATION. BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY OF AN UNFORESEEN COMPLICATION. WE SUGGEST THAT LICROSS/RED CRESCENT SHOULD BE ALLOCATED LARGE DONATION, I.E., SOMETHING OVER DOLS 1 MILLION AS THIS WOULD MAKE USG RUPEE GRANTS TO OTHER VOLAGS MORE PALATABLE TO GOP. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, ICRC, INC. AND INTER-AID SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS.

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CARE TERMINATED ITS PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN BUT IS NOW REVIEWING POSSIBILITY OF REESTABLISHING NEW REFUGEE PROGRAM. IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WHICH CARRIES THE ENDORSEMENT OF UNHCR AND THE REFUGEE COMMISSIONER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CARE SHOULD BE ENGAGEOR OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE AND CHURCH WORLD SERVICES) HAS BEEN MAKING VERY SUBSTANTIAL AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE UNHERALDED CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEES AND EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DOLS 400-500,000 CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE WELL MERITED RECOGNITION OF SUCCESS OF INTER-AID PROGRAMS IN PAKISTAN. HUNNEL UNQTE STOESSEL

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